

# Bankruptcy Research Guide

## Overview

This research guide includes information and resources on bankruptcy. In legal terms, bankruptcy is “a statutory procedure by which a debtor obtains financial relief and undergoes a judicially supervised reorganization or liquidation of the debtor’s assets for the benefit of creditors.” (*Black’s Law Dictionary, 11<sup>th</sup> ed.*) The resources listed below are not exhaustive and may not include the most up-to-date information. It is for information purposes only and should not be construed as legal advice or act as the substitute for legal counsel.

## Statutes and Codes

Texas Statutes Online [www.statutes.capitol.texas.gov](http://www.statutes.capitol.texas.gov)

U.S. Bankruptcy Code <https://usbankruptcycode.org/>

Texas Administrative Code – Ch. 59 Collections  
[https://texreg.sos.state.tx.us/public/readtac\\$ext.ViewTAC?tac\\_view=4&ti=1&pt=3&ch=59&rl=Y](https://texreg.sos.state.tx.us/public/readtac$ext.ViewTAC?tac_view=4&ti=1&pt=3&ch=59&rl=Y)

## Secondary Resources in Print

**Collier Bankruptcy Manual** KF 1524.C6455

**Collier Bankruptcy Practice Guide** KF 1524.C63

**How to File for Chapter 7 Bankruptcy** KF 1524.6.E4

**The New Bankruptcy: Will It Work for You?** KF 1524.6.E452

**Chapter 13 Bankruptcy: Keep Your Property & Repay Debts Over Time** KF 1524.6.L46

**Texas Business Litigation** KFT 1410.T49

- Ch. 3: Bankruptcy Ramifications in Business Litigation Cases

**Collection, Demand, and Commercial Letters for the General Practitioner** KF 1024.C664

**Pronske’s Texas Bankruptcy** KFT 1421.A29 P76

**Bankruptcy and the Supreme Court** KF 1524.K54

**Bankruptcy Evidence Manual** KF 1530.E87R87

**The Bankruptcy Handbook** KF 1506.B8

**Bankruptcy Law Manual** KF 1524.W4

**Bankruptcy Road Map: Navigating the Landscape, Avoiding the Pitfalls** KFT 1420.B368

**Texas Litigation Guide** KFT 1730.T4

- Vol. 1, Ch. 2 §1:2.03 Stay of proceedings in bankruptcy
- Vol. 5, Ch. 63 § 5:63.02-05:63.04 removal of bankruptcy cases from state to federal court
- Vol. 7, Ch. 102 § 7:102.06 effect on structured settlement

**Bankruptcy Service, Lawyers Edition** KF 1520.B36

**Creditors’ Rights in Bankruptcy** KF 1524.M87

**Employee Benefits and Executive Compensation in Corporate Bankruptcy** KF 1526.E45

**The Language of Bankruptcy: A Glossary of Common Bankruptcy Terms** KF 1501.A68L4

**Texas Torts and Remedies** KFT 1395.T49

- Vol. 1, Ch. 23 §1:23.33[1] priority of tenant’s claim to security deposit
- Vol. 4, Ch. 55 § 4:55.02-4:55.07 involuntary bankruptcy proceeding as basis for malicious prosecution action

## CLE Materials

**Advanced Business Bankruptcy Course KFT 1421.A75S7**

**Advanced Consumer Bankruptcy KFT 1421.A75S7**

**Bankruptcy 101 Course KFT 1421.A74B87**

**ALI-ABA Course of Study – Partnerships: UPA, ULPA, Securities, Taxation, and Bankruptcy: Materials KF 1375.Z9 A14**

**Collections and Creditors’ Rights KFT 1367.C6S7**

**Consumer Bankruptcy Boot Camp KFT 1421.A75C6**

**Advanced Consumer and Commercial Law Course KFT 1352.A75 C6**

- 2021 Ch. 8 Testimonials and Affidavits: Requisites of Admissible Business Records Affidavits in Debt Cases
- 2021 Ch. 15 Debt Defense
- 2021 Ch. 20 Bankruptcy: Creative Ways to Protect Consumers
- 2020 Ch. 4 Debt Elimination Scams: Fraudulent Legal Theories with Real Consequences

**Nuts & Bolts of Business Bankruptcy KFT 1421.A75 N8**

## Online Resources

How to File for Bankruptcy in Texas (NOLO)  
<https://www.nolo.com/legal-encyclopedia/how-bankruptcy-works-in-texas.html>

Bankruptcy Forms (United States Courts)  
<https://www.uscourts.gov/forms/bankruptcy-forms>

United States Bankruptcy Court Northern District of Texas  
<https://www.txnb.uscourts.gov/>

Local Forms (Bankruptcy) United States Bankruptcy Court Northern District of Texas

<https://www.txnb.uscourts.gov/forms/all-forms/bankruptcy>

Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure  
<https://www.federalrulesofbankruptcyprocedure.org/>

Bankruptcy (Texas Law Help)  
<https://texaslawhelp.org/money-debt/bankruptcy>

Bankruptcy and Collections (Attorney General)  
<https://www.texasattorneygeneral.gov/divisions/bankruptcy-and-collections>

## Legal Assistance

**Legal Lines – Ask Attorneys simple legal questions (free service)**

- Tarrant County LegalLine Sign-up  
<https://www.tarrantbar.org/>
- Dallas County LegalLine Sign-up  
<https://www.dallasbar.org/index.cfm?pg=legalline>

**Tarrant County Bar Association Lawyer Referral Service:** 817-336-4101 (\$20 for the first 30 minutes)